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County Committee

Wally Bradway, Chair
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County Committee Meetings are generally held on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm. During December through March, Meetings are held at 1:30 pm.

Conservation Reserve Program General Sign up

Sign-up for the CRP general program will end on **August 27, 2010**. Unlike Continuous CRP or CREP, participants may offer entire fields for enrollment in the program, which are taken out of agricultural production. Rental payments and up to 50% cost sharing for the practice installation are available on the 10 to 15 year contracts. Competitive offers for general sign-up will be evaluated based on five environmental factors and cost.

To be eligible, the offered land must be cropland that is planted or considered planted to an agricultural commodity four of the six years from 2002 to 2007, and which is physically and legally capable of being planted in a normal manner to an agricultural commodity. Alfalfa or other multiyear grasses and legumes grown in a rotation not to exceed 12 years may be eligible. In addition, the cropland must also have a weighted average erosion index of eight or higher or be expiring CRP acreage. Please call for more information.



Supplemental Revenue Assistance Program (SURE)

Sign up for the 2008 SURE program will end on **September 30, 2010**. SURE is the new program that replaces the old crop disaster programs. SURE is available to farms in Salem and Gloucester Counties that sustained qualifying crop losses during the **2008** crop year. To be eligible for SURE, you must have purchased insurance for every crop of economic significance on the farm or participated in the Buy-in waiver process. The SURE application must include all crops on the farm that had insurance coverage and that are of economic significance (5% or more of total farm revenue). Please call for an appointment or for more information.

Marketing Assistance Loans

Marketing Assistance Loans are beneficial if you are storing grain, waiting for the price to rise but need operating money now. These loans are nine-month low interest loans that can be paid anytime before maturity. The current interest rate for July 2010 is 1.375%! Paperwork is minimal. You may now take loans out on commodities stored at Perdue, as they are an approved warehouse facility. Please call Deanne if you are interested. 2010 loan rates are as follows: Corn – 2.17 bu., Barley – 1.70 bu., Grain Sorghum – 3.76 cwt., Oats – 1.38 bu., Soybeans – 5.05 bu., Wheat – 1.88 bu.

FSA County Committee Elections

FSA's local county committee elections will be held this fall for local administrative area (LAA) 1. LAA 1 consists of Pennsville, Mannington, Elsinboro, LAC, Quinton and Salem City. The farmer-elected committee is your voice in USDA's programs here in this area. Members of the committee work with area residents to maintain the local focus of many USDA programs, inform people of what's available, and help other producers understand how the programs work. Committee members work to help shape national programs into working local programs. Ballots will be mailed in November and must be returned by **December 6, 2010**.

Dates to Remember

August 27, 2010—CRP General Signup Deadline
September 1, 2010—NAP Sales closing date—see below
September 6, 2010—Office is closed for Labor Day
September 30, 2010—NAP Sales closing date—see below
September 30, 2010—2008 SURE program application deadline
Continues—Continuous CRP, CREP, SAFE, Farm Storage Facility Loans

Non-insured Assistance Program (NAP)

Policyholders: Have a Crop Loss? If you suspect serious crop damage, you must report it to our office and file a notice of loss within 15 calendar days after the disaster occurrence or the date the damage to the specific crop

acreage is apparent. If your crop will not be taken to harvest or is hand-picked, you will need to have an appraisal done. Please, **do not destroy your field until a loss adjuster has given the field a final appraisal.** Also, for those of you that sell at roadside stands or do not receive verifiable receipts, please remember to keep track of your production, whether on a calendar, ledgers, etc. Please call for more information.

2011 sales closing dates are coming up for the following: Christmas Trees, Flowers, Fin Fish and Sod Grass—**September 1, 2010.** Clover, Grass (Hay), Mixed Forage and Rye—**September 30, 2010.**

Asparagus certified for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) Benefits

Asparagus growers whose crops have been adversely impacted by foreign competition, can apply for benefits under the TAA program until **September 23, 2010.** Benefits include technical training to develop and implement business adjustment plans, up to \$4,000 for developing an initial business plan and up to an additional \$8,000 for developing a long-term business adjustment plan.



To be eligible, a producer must have grown asparagus in 2009 and in three prior years. Also, your average adjusted gross non-farm income for 2005-2007 had to be less than \$500,000 and average adjusted gross farm income less than \$750,000. Additionally, you must provide sales receipts of total production to show either lower production in 2009 or lower price received in 2009. Applicants must submit FSA form 229-1 with needed documentation by September 23, 2010.

Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL)

The Farm Storage Facility Loan (FSFL) program allows producers of eligible commodities to obtain low-interest financing to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities. The new maximum principal amount of a loan through FSFL is \$500,000. Participants are now required to provide a down payment of 15 percent, with CCC providing a loan for the remaining 85 percent of the net cost of the eligible storage facility and permanent drying and handling equipment. New loan terms of 7, 10 or 12 years are available depending on the amount of the loan. The following commodities are eligible for farm storage facility loans: Corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, oats, wheat, barley or minor oilseeds harvested as whole grain; For other than whole grain harvest—Corn, grain sorghum, wheat, oats or barley; Hay; Renewable biomass; Fruits and vegetables - cold storage facilities. After the stored commodity has been marketed, the facility may, with prior approval, be used to temporarily store equipment and other agricultural items until the next harvest season. For more information about FSFL please give us a call or go to www.fsa.usda.gov.

The current interest rates are 2.75% for a 7 year loan (under \$100K); 3.25% for a 10 year loan (\$100K to \$250K); 3.50% for a 12 year loan (\$250K to \$500K)